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C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 5115

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, UN, SS, MO, SP

SUBJ: SPANISH SAHARA: SPANISH AMBASSADOR DE PINIES CALLS ON
AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN

1. AT HIS URGENT REQUEST, PERM REP AMBASSADOR DE PINIES
OF SPAIN CALLED ON AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN OCTOBER 17 TO DIS-
CUSS THE SITUATION IN THE SPANISH SAHARA. DE PINIES SAID
THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL HAD CALLED HIM DURING THE
EVENING OF OCTOBER 16 TO EXPRESS HIS CONCERN AND TO REQUEST
THAT THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT PROCEED WITH CAUTION.

2. IN PRESENTING HIS POSITION TO AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN,
DE PINIES SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT VIEWED THE PROBLEM AS
URGENT AND SERIOUS. HE BELIEVED THAT A DUAL APPROACH MUST
BE URGENTLY UNDERTAKEN BY THE U.N. HE SAID THAT THE REPORT
OF THE VISITING MISSION OF THE COMMITTEE OF 24 SHOULD BE
TAKEN UP IMMEDIATELY IN THE 4TH COMMITTEE SO THAT THE
"DECOLONIZATION PROCESS" COULD BE DEALT WITH IN THE GA
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CONTEXT. HE SAID THAT IN ADDITION, THE SECURITY COUNCIL

SHOULD BECOME SEIZED WITH THE THREAT TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY UNDER ARTICLES 34, 35 AND 73 OF THE CHARTER. HE SAID THAT FOLLOWING HIS MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN HE WOULD BE CONSULTING WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, AMBASSADOR RYDBECK OF SWEDEN, AND WOULD PROBABLY BE SUBMITTING A LETTER TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL LATER IN THE DAY REQUESTING APPROPRIATE SC ACTION.

3. AMBASSADOR DE PINIES IN HIS PRESENTATION TO AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN SAID THAT THE THREATENED INVASION OF THE SPANISH SAHARA BY MOROCCAN 350,000 CIVILIANS WOULD PLACE THE SPANISH AUTHORITIES IN THE TERRITORY IN A MOST DIFFICULT AND DANGEROUS POSITION. HE SAID THAT EVEN IF ONLY TWO THOUSAND MARCH ON THE TERRITORY, SPANISH MILITARY FORCES WOULD FIND THEMSELVES IN A DIFFICULT AND PERHAPS UNTENABLE POSITION. HE EMPHASIZED THAT SPAIN WISHED TO LEAVE THE SAHARA "WITH HONOR." HE DESCRIBED THE SITUATION AS UNIQUE AND REQUIRING A UNIQUE SOLUTION. HE OPINED THAT SPAIN WAS WILLING TO ACCEPT ANY REASONABLE POSITION TAKEN BY THE GA AND REFERRING TO THE RECENT ICJ OPINION, BELIEVED THAT MOROCCO WAS PLAYING A MOST DANGEROUS GAME.

4. AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN TOLD AMBASSADOR DE PINIES HE WOULD INFORM THE DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY AND WOULD STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH.
MOYNIHAN

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